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### **District Woman Sentenced to Six-Year Prison Term For Stabbing Her Boyfriend in the Heart With Scissors – Victim Walked 15 Blocks to Hospital, Where He Received Open Heart Surgery–**

WASHINGTON - Teresa Walker, 45, was sentenced today to six years of incarceration on a charge of aggravated assault while armed, stemming from an attack on her boyfriend in which she stabbed him in the heart, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Walker, of Washington, D.C., was convicted by a jury in October 2010, following a trial in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Honorable Judge Frederick H. Weisberg, who presided over the trial, sentenced her today. The judge also ordered that Walker be placed on five years of supervised release upon completion of her prison term.

According to the government's evidence, on September 15, 2008, Walker was in her apartment, in the 1200 block of M Street NW, with the victim, who was preparing for a job interview that afternoon. The victim asked Walker for cigarettes and also asked her who was sitting at the security desk. This sparked an argument, and the victim told the defendant that he was leaving her and not coming back. Walker then grabbed a pair of scissors off the floor and plunged them into the victim's chest, puncturing the right ventricle of his heart.

The victim, not realizing the extent of his injuries, walked about 15 blocks to Howard University Hospital, where he received a life-saving operation to close the puncture wound in his heart. Walker was worried about the victim and called the police to find and check on him. At that time, she said that she stabbed him because he was poking her in the nose. After hearing all of the evidence in the case, the jury rejected this self-defense claim.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Officers Richard Hall and Melvin Evans, as well as Detective Shelly Anderson. He also expressed his appreciation to Legal Assistant Charmonique Price, Paralegal Jason Manuel, Victim Advocate Shauna Moore, Assistant U.S. Attorney Cassidy Pinegar, who investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Bridget Fitzpatrick, who tried the case.